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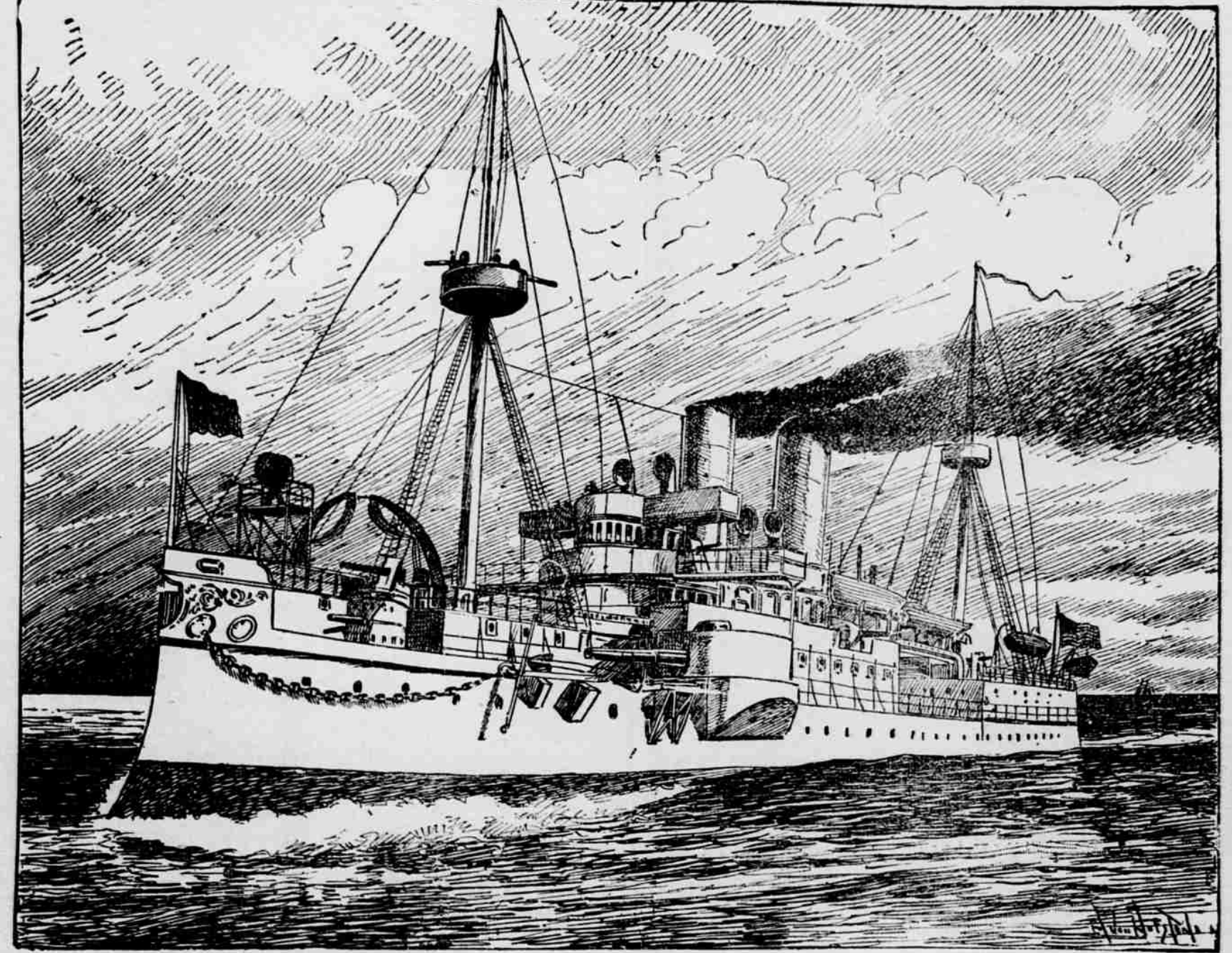
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## Feeling That the Maine Disaster Resulted from Spanish Treachery.

Washington was aflame Wednesday  
with the war spirit. Everybody eagerly  
read the extra newspapers carrying latest  
dispatches from Havana and the strained  
efforts of those high in official life to show  
the blowing up of the Maine to have been  
an accident only added to the impatience  
of the general public. Both houses of  
Congress assembled at noon under the  
aegis of the disaster, and on all hands were  
read the dispatches received from Lee  
and from other sources in Havana," said  
Secretary Long, "I am not inclined to  
think it was an act of Spanish hostility,  
I have no explanation to make, but the  
fact that Capt. Sigbee has asked that  
public opinion be suspended leads us to  
believe that those who are in a position  
to have the best information do not regard  
it as a hostile act. The dispatch from  
Cincinnati General Lee says the cause of the  
explosion is yet to be investigated, but  
also says that the Spanish have rendered  
all possible assistance. Nothing yet re-  
ceived indicates that the disaster was the  
result of Spanish treachery, and will  
proceed with care until we have further  
particulars."

Public opinion, however, refused to be  
suspended, and to say that the capital was  
excited over the report of the destruction  
of the Maine is to give but a meager  
and inadequate idea of the real condition  
of the city. There was a general feeling  
of excitement, and on all hands were  
talk of war and demands for more infor-  
mation. Treachery was the word on all  
lips. No one could be persuaded that the  
disaster was the result of an accident. It  
was thought that some Spanish agent secured  
access to the vessel and exploded a grenade  
near the ammunition magazine.
If Spanish treachery did not destroy the  
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der more than 250 American seamen,  
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Maine was blown up by some other power  
than that of a Spanish torpedo. Wash-  
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officers of the navy did not believe that  
there could have been an accidental ex-  
plosion on the Maine from spontaneous  
combustion or any other cause, when the  
battle ship was lying at anchor without  
steam in her boilers, or coal in her for-  
ward bunkers, and with only projectiles  
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posed in the magazine.
While some officials at the Navy  
Department talked of accidental ex-  
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The corps of constructors at the Navy  
Department was primarily responsible  
for the construction of the Maine, and  
it was impossible for the vessel to have  
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the magazines. Chief Naval Constructor  
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ence that he believed the explosion to  
have been due to treacherous hands.
The present and his cabinet seemed to  
keep down the excitement until full re-  
ports could be received from Captain  
Sigbee. They did not care to base their  
judgment on dispatches, but must pass  
on the dispatches received from the  
commander of the Maine.
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cidental explosion because it would be very  
convenient for the administration publicly  
to assume that the Maine could have been  
destroyed in any other way, until they  
had the full details of this affair from the  
commander of the ship.
It is asserted by naval officers that the  
harbor of Havana is full of submarine  
torpedoes, which need only an electrical  
current to explode. The theory that the  
Maine was destroyed by a torpedo found  
believers. Nobody was willing to assert that the Span-  
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thing of the kind of a torpedo, but among  
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existing, there are many who believe that  
the harbor of Havana is the vilest  
on the globe, and that the great mass of  
steel, weighing many thousand tons, has
probably sunk in the mud of that harbor,  
where divers can neither live nor work.  
The Maine at the time of the explosion  
was at anchor about 500 yards from the  
apenal and some 200 yards from the  
floating dock.
There is no precedent for an accident of  
this sort. No ship of war has ever been  
mysteriously blown up. Naval experts  
are unanimous in the opinion that an ac-  
cident to the powder magazine could never  
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they say the precautions taken on board  
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clear that, however it may be explained,  
this awful calamity must seriously in-  
crease the tension between the United  
States and Spain by provoking excitement,  
suspicion and irritation. The comments  
of many public men as furnished in the  
press dispatches cannot be overlooked by  
the Spanish. And if the explosion is not  
satisfactorily explained in a more ac-  
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disaster will only be the first of a series  
of similar events which will be offered  
in Congress and elsewhere in such form  
as to give great provocation. The feeling  
of Congress has reached a more acute  
stage than ever before. The disaster of  
Lome incident intensified the hostility  
against Spain and developed a hostility  
that was never so bitter as to-day in any  
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